

February 21, 2023

Re: Hearing on February 22, 2023

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Flexer and Rep. Blumenthal, Vice-Chairs Sen. Slap and Rep. Morin-Bello, Ranking Members Sen. Sampson and Rep. Mastrofrancesco, and Distinguished Members of the GAE Committee:

The voters of Connecticut overwhelmingly chose Early Voting last November. At your hearing on 2/22/23 you will be considering bills which will enable Connecticut to fulfill the will of the electorate. You will also be able to make us proud of our state. For me, it is an embarrassment that our state is so antiquated in its laws on voter access. For that reason I am:

1. **Supporting: S.B.No.1057, S.B.No.5004 and S.B.No.1064** with concern that the first does not include voter education.
2. **Supporting S.J.No.29, H.J.No.1 and H.B.No.6693 for NEAV**
3. **Opposing S.B.No.713**

We need early voting available on weekends and in the evening. And that access needs to be available for all elections, including special elections, municipal elections and referendums.

Our vote is our greatest responsibility to keep our democracy strong. Let's fully fund our registrars with the new tabulators they need, the poll books and the funding for personnel that will make EV a reality in our state this year. Without the funding, this effort fails.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of Early Voting

Very truly yours,

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